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SUBJECT: PLO COMPLAINT TO ARAB LEAGUE AGAINST JORDAN

REF: CAIRO 2768

1. REFTTEL PROVIDED SUMMARY OF AHRAM ARTICLE MARCH 2 WHICH REPORTED PLO'S MARCH 1 MEMORANDUM TO ARAB LEAGUE CALLING FOR ACTION AGAINST JORDAN'S "GRAVE" UNDERMINING OF RABAT DECISIONS AND PARTICULARLY COMPLAINING ABOUT RECONVENING OF JORDANIAN PARLIAMENT.

2. ARAB LEAGUE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR DALI CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF MARCH 3 THAT AHRAM REPORT WAS ACCURATE. HE ADDED THAT ACTING SYG NOFAL HAD CONFERRED AGAIN MARCH 2 WITH PLO'S CAIRO REPS SURANI AND SA'ID KAMAL (BOTH FATAH) AND THAT NOFAL HAD PLANNED TO SUGGEST AT THAT TIME THAT THEY SUBMIT

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A NEW MEMORANDUM REQUESTING THAT JORDANIAN PARLIAMENT ISSUE

BE INCLUDED ON AGENDA OF ARAB COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 15.
HE COULD NOT CONFIRM THAT IN FACT NOFAL HAD DONE SO.
DALI TOLD EMBOFF THAT BEFORE PLO REPS ARRIVED IN NOFAL'S
OFFICE MARCH 1 TO DELIVER THEIR MEMORANDUM, FAHMY HAD
CALLED NOFAL TO SAY THAT THEY WERE COMING. DALI'S IMPLICATION
WAS, OF COURSE, THAT MEMORANDUM HAD BEEN JOINTLY DRAFTED BY
EGYPTIANS AND FATAH. IN ANSWER TO EMBOFF'S QUESTION, DALI
NOTED THAT SURANI IS TAKING UNUSUALLY ACTIVE DIPLOMATIC ROLE
AND SPECULATED THAT HE IS RECEIVING HIS ORDERS DIRECTLY FROM
ARAFAT IN BEIRUT AND THAT ARAFAT HAS CHOSEN TO USE SURANI
INSTEAD OF KAMAL, WHO IN PAST, HAS USUALLY BEEN ARAFAT'S
MESSANGER IN CAIRO. (COMMENT: WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED
THAT FAHMY BELIEVES SA'ID KAMAL TO BE INCOMPETENT AND HAS
SO TLD ARAFAT.)

3. EMBOFF ASKED DALI IF KHADDAM IS LIKELY TO ATTEND MARCH 15
MEETING. DALI THOUGHT HE WOULD NOT, ESPECIALLY IF JORDANIAN
PARLIAMENT ISSUE IS TO BE DISCUSSED. DALI, WHO IS EGYPTIAN,
SAID THAT, IN UNLIKELY EVENT KHADDAM DID ATTEND, THERE WOULD
BE FIREWORKS, SINCE BOTH SADAT AND FAHMY HAVE BEEN UNUSUALLY
VOCAL IN RECENT DAYS ABOUT SARG.

4. DALI SAID ARAB LEAGUE SCUTTLEBUTT, FOR WHICH HE COULD NOT
VOUCH, IS THAT KING KHALID IS WORKING HARD TO SET UP MINI-
SUMMIT (SADAT, ASAD, HUSAIN, ARAFAT) TO FOLLOW
MARCH 15 MEETING AND TO PRECEDE EXPIRATION OF UNDOF
NAMDATE AT END OF MAY.
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